

NOTICE OF INTENT
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Massachusetts Department of Public Health
Office of Local and Regional Health

Notice to Interested Parties

February 12, 2021

This Notice of Intent is to inform cities, towns, regional planning agencies, and councils of government that the Massachusetts Department of Public Health (DPH) intends to post a request for proposals (RFP) for the Public Health Excellence Grant Program.

DPH received new funding in FY21 for grants to implement the recommendations for improved effectiveness and efficiency of local and regional public health as provided in the final report of the Special Commission on Local and Regional Public Health (Blueprint for Public Health Excellence). These funds will be allocated for a competitive grants program to increase the number and scope of public health districts and shared services agreements in order to strengthen the service delivery capabilities of local public health. The new resources (\$10M) will be used to advance the recommendations of the Special Commission on Local and Regional Public Health in its final report of June 2019 – *Blueprint for Public Health Excellence: Recommendations for Improved Effectiveness and Efficiency of Local Public Health Protections* (Blueprint). This grant opportunity will provide funding for shared services, to develop sustainable business models, expansion of shared services to include more municipalities and/or a broader scope of services, or creation of new shared/services arrangements.

This is a notice to prepare municipalities for the upcoming procurement which be posted on COMMBUYS (<https://www.commbuys.com>) at this same Bid Location as this NOI (Bid# BD-21-1031-OFFIC-OLRH-58664). It will also be available at <https://www.mass.gov/service-details/public-health-shared-services>. DPH anticipates posting this procurement by the end of this month.

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